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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §408, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 2003, c. 709, §2, is amended to read:

1. Right to inspect and copy. Except as otherwise provided by statute, every person has the right to inspect and copy any public record during the regular business hours of the agency or official having custody of the public record within a reasonable period of time after making a request to inspect or copy the public record. An agency or official may request clarification concerning which public record or public records are being requested, but in any case the agency or official shall acknowledge receipt of the request within a reasonable period of time.’

SUMMARY

Currently a person may make a Freedom of Access request of such breadth that, as a practical and legal matter, an agency’s duty to respond to the request is made difficult.

This amendment permits an agency or official to request clarification concerning which public record or public records are being requested.

The amendment also requires an agency or official to acknowledge receipt of the request within a reasonable period of time.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)